



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD NOTES

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STATE BOARD APPROVES ONE-TIME WAIVER OF MARCH 1 SCHOOL COUNCIL ALLOCATION DEADLINE

At its February 6-7 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education approved a one-time waiver of the March 1 deadline by which local school boards must provide school councils an allocation for funds and positions for the upcoming school year. This action was taken to provide flexibility to local school districts due to the uncertainty of the state budget. A new one-time deadline of May 1 was included in the motion. Board members emphasized the action was taken with reluctance but noted its necessity due to the budget crisis. Department staff was asked to work with the Kentucky Association of School Councils to communicate the approval of the one-time waiver to school council members.

For more information on the waiver of the March 1 school council allocation deadline, contact Dr. Larry Stinson at 502-564-3930 or via email at Larry.Stinson@education.ky.gov.

THREE ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY REGULATIONS GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL

The Kentucky Board of Education gave final approval to the following three assessment and accountability regulations:



- 703 KAR 5:060, Interim accountability model
- 703 KAR 5:020, The formula for determining school accountability
- 703 KAR 5:001, Assessment and accountability definitions

Department staff explained that the three regulations are best viewed as a package since content of the three must be aligned. The revisions to the three regulations will implement changes that can be categorized into five major areas as follows:

- A uniform elementary norm-referenced test (NRT) in reading/language arts and mathematics at grade 3 is added.
- The concordance process, used during reporting in 2007 to link the 2007 accountability index to the previous assessment and accountability system, is established as a two-year interim model to bridge from new to old CATS.
- The cancellation of the statewide WorkKeys administration for 2007-2008, due to a funding shortfall, requires a new reporting date of 2009-10.
- The term “low novice” will replace the name “novice nonperformance” to more accurately reflect the level of student work seen.
- The use of a consistent naming convention for grade three to include end-of-primary and reflection of a change from ACT Index to ACT High School Index are included.

Additionally, the Board approved new language suggested by the School, Curriculum Assessment and Accountability Council to be included in the regulations as follows:

703 KAR 5:060, Interim accountability model

- Clarify that nonadjusted data from 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 will be used to generate new baselines.

703 KAR 5:020, The formula for determining school accountability

- Clarify that the elementary NRT is a uniform assessment.
- Establish an elementary NRT index calculation that further discriminates student performance and includes more score range divisions and weights.
- Emphasize that baselines are established at the conclusion of the interim accountability model.

703 KAR 5:001, Assessment and accountability definitions

- Emphasize that the statistical concordance model is for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 biennium.

The regulations will now proceed through the legislative committee review process with the public hearing to occur on March 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the State Board Room, 1st Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky.

For more information on the content of these regulations, contact Ken Draut at 502-564-2256 or via email at Ken.Draut@education.ky.gov. Information on the public hearing can be secured from Tina Drury at 502-564-4474 or via email at Tina.Drury@education.ky.gov.

702 KAR 3:270, SEEK FUNDING FORMULA RECEIVES FINAL APPROVAL

Final approval was given to 702 KAR 3:270, SEEK Funding Formula at the February 6-7 meeting. To comply with changing demands, the regulation was amended to incorporate technology advances for the collection of data, incorporate additional calculations to allow for assessment growth greater than 4% and create a provision to allow for additional funding for districts that experience continuing student attendance growth after the second month.

The full text of the amended regulation can be accessed on the web at www.education.ky.gov. Click on Administrative Resources, then Kentucky Board of Education and finally Kentucky Board of Education Meeting Information and Agenda Book. Scroll down the page and choose the February 6-7, 2008 meeting.

The regulation will now proceed through the legislative committee process. The public hearing is scheduled for March 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the State Board Room, 1st Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky.

If you need more content information on 702 KAR 3:270, contact Dr. Larry Stinson at 502-564-3930 or via email at Larry.Stinson@education.ky.gov. Details on the public hearing can be secured from Tina Drury at 502-564-4474 or via email at Tina.Drury@education.ky.gov.

BOARD ALTERS MEETING SCHEDULE

In an effort to contain costs, the Kentucky Board of Education cancelled its March 5 meeting and decided to move the location of its May 13-14 retreat meeting from Lake Barkley State Park to Frankfort.

If more information is needed on the Board's meeting schedule, contact Mary Ann Miller or Susan Palmer at 502-564-3141 or via email at Susan.Palmer@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY 6-7 MEETING WERE:

- Dismissal of annexation appeal from Hardin County/Elizabethtown Independent
- 2007-08 Local District Tax Rates Levied
- 2007-08 Local District Working Budgets

- District Facility Plans: Kenton, Larue, and Pulaski Counties and Eminence Independent
- District Facility Plan Amendments: Whitley County and East Bernstadt Independent
- 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage High School Interscholastic Athletics (Final)
- Release of Jackson Independent from a Declaration of Emergency
- Review of KHSAA's operations every five years
- Tabling of motion to amend KHSAA bylaw 33, Section 2 to make it subject to paragraph 11 of that bylaw and add a Section 11 saying that no person or school is to be punished for following a court order
- Paid leave time for Commissioner Draud for January 2, 3 and 4 due to an early start date
- Amendment to Commissioner's contract to provide 20 days of annual leave each year in lieu of the standard 12 days and provide a one-time addition of 30 days of sick leave (Note: Commissioner indicated after the meeting he would not accept these days.)

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Report from the Covington Independent School District
- Discussion of next steps regarding the Commission on Interscholastic Athletics Report
- KHSAA Annual Reporting Requirements
- Draft Adolescent Literacy Plan
- Action Plan for A5 and A6 programs
- Assistance to schools with high dropout rates
- KDE Employment Report

MEETING DATES FOR 2008 AND 2009

KBE Meeting Dates 2008

<u>2008</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 2-3, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 13-14, 2008	KBE retreat/strategic plan Discussion	Frankfort
June 11-12, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
July 9, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 6-7, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 10, 2008	Regular meeting	Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin

<u>2008</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 1-2, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 5, 2008	Regular meeting	Rough River State Park, Falls of Rough
December 10-11, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE Meeting Dates 2009

<u>2009</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 14, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
February 4-5, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 4, 2009	Regular meeting	Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg
April 1-2, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 12-13, 2009	KBE retreat/strategic plan Discussion	Available hotel, Lexington
June 10-11, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
<u>2009</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 8, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 5-6, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 9, 2009	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Owensboro
October 7-8, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 5, 2009	Regular meeting	General Butler State Park, Carrollton
December 9-10, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For questions on the Kentucky Board of Education's meeting schedule, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via email at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the February 6-7, 2008, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For additional information about the Kentucky Board of Education meetings, agendas, minutes or special accommodations needed for attending meetings, contact Mary Ann Miller, Policy Advisor at (502) 564-3141.

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